EAST COAST TERN WATCH

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This summer volunteers from Nova Scotia to South Carolina will band young Common and Roseate Terns with a colored plastic band in addition to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service band. The plastic band will be placed on the leg opposite the aluminum. East province and state will use a different color so that observers can recognize birds from different areas.

Through observations of these color banded birds we hope to gain information regarding the following questions. How far do birds banded from different areas along the coast as well as inland, range from their breeding colonies during their post breeding dispersal? Do birds from different areas along the coast concentrate at particular places in the fall? How late are these species seen at different points along the coast?

The following people will participate in color banding this summer, using the listed colors:

Nova Scotia	YELLOW	I.A. McLaren
Maine	GOBEIL-RED & WHITE (horizontal stripe)	Libby, Hatch
Massachusetts	ORANGE	Koward
Connecticut	GREEN & WHITE (horizontal stripe)	Proctor
Lake Erie, N.Y.	LIGHT BLUE	Clarke
Western Long Island, N.Y.	ROYAL BLUE	Heath, Gochfeld
Eastern Long Island, N.Y.	BLACK & WHITE (Horizontal stripe)	Wilcox
New Jersey	GREEN	Savell
Maryland	WHITE	Van Velzen
Virginia	BLACK	Byrd
North Carolina	GREEN & BROWN (horizontal stripe)	Davis, Sussel
Great Gull Island, New York	color combinations, using three color bands and the Fish & Wildlife Service band.	Hays

Please watch for color banded terns and send observations to the bander in your area or to:

Miss Helen Hays
Great Gull Island Project
American Museum of Natural History
Central Park West at 79th Street
New York, New York 10024

We would also like to compile a list of places along the coast where concentrations of Common and/or Roseate Terns can be seen in late summer and early fall. If you know of any such places send them to Miss Hays at the above address. Any information you can supply on color banded terns or concentration points along the coast would be of great help.